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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS 1
TAGS: ENRG, EFIN, EAID
SUBJ: CALL FROM MINISTER ANSARY

REF: TEHRAN 5018

1. DURING RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY ASKED ME IF I HAD HEARD FROM YOU IN CONNECTION WITH CONTENTS OF REFTEL. WHEN I REPLIED THAT I HAD SENT YOU A TELEGRAM ON THE SUBJECT, HE STATED, "IT IS NOT THAT I AM IN ANY PARTICULAR HURRY, BUT IF THE USG DELAYS ON THIS PROPOSAL TOO LONG, IT MAY BE CONFRONTED WITH A HIGHER PRICE FOR THE OIL." I TOLD ANSARY THAT THE USG WAS AWARE OF THIS POINT SINCE THE SHAH HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO THE SECRETARY DURING THEIR CONVERSATION ON MAY 17 THAT THE PROPOSED DEAL IS FOR THE CURRENT PRICE OF OIL BUT WOULD LATER BE AT WHATEVER HIGHER PRICE OPEC MIGHT DETERMINE IN THE FALL.

2. FOREGOING IS PASSED TO YOU AS IN NO SENSE FORM OF PRESSURE IN FAVOR OF THIS PROPOSAL. WE SIMPLY WANT TO KEEP THE REPORTING RECORD ACCURATE. AFTER ALL, YOU MAY DECIDE THAT AT CURRENT PRICES THE PROPOSAL IS NOT
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FAVORABLE FOR THE USG EVEN IF IT COULD BE WORKED OUT.

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